



March 3, 2010

Dear Renton Arts Community member:

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission (RMAC) is accepting proposals for the 2010 Art Grant Program. This program provides financial support for artists and organizations that desire to initiate, organize, and promote arts and education to benefit the citizens of Renton. Through the program, RMAC seeks to provide opportunities for innovation and the development of unique services outside the scope of the Commission's existing programming. Arts disciplines include dance, drama/theatre, music, visual arts, literary arts, media arts, and performing arts. Projects that help to meet Renton's Arts and Culture Master Plan goals are strongly encouraged. Visit the Master Plan webpage for more information at ArtsCommission.RentonWa.gov.

Despite funding cuts to the RMAC budget, the Art Grant Program will continue to provide financial support to vitalize the arts and cultural community in Renton. The RMAC has pending grant requests which will determine the level of funding for this program. Therefore, the 2010 funding decisions may be different from previous years. For instance, projects that directly fund an art project will receive priority recommendation over the printing of organization tickets, brochures, or advertising.

The Commission encourages project funding requests be \$1,000 or less. Projects that leverage funding from other sources are strongly encouraged.

Who Can Apply: Artists and Organizations that promote art within the Renton School District boundaries:

- Arts and Cultural organizations of all sizes, including professional and community-based groups.
- Community groups involved in arts activities.
- Organizations are encouraged to obtain IRS not-for-profit status [501(c)3 status], but such status is not required to receive project support funding.

Timeline:	<u>Applications Due</u> March 19, 2010	<u>Award Notification</u> April 16, 2010	<u>Projects to be completed by:</u> November 30, 2010
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Interested parties should submit a letter including the following information:

- Organization mission and vision statement
- Organization primary activities
- Organization size
- Population served (in addition to performances for the general public)
- Recent past performances or exhibits in the City of Renton and the Renton School District areas
- Project description, including timeline
- Project budget and funding request

Thank you for your efforts to enhance arts and culture opportunities in Renton. If you have questions about this grant application, please contact Jennifer Davis Hayes, Community Development Project Manager, at 425.430.6589 or jdavishayes@rentonwa.gov.

Sincerely,

Patricia Pepper, Chair